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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Don Clark on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE

CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICS

REGIONS BY SEX, AUGUST 1996

	Males				Females				Persons					
	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-			
		loyed	loyment		loyed	loyed	loyment	rate	loyed	loyment	rate			
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NEW SOUTH WALES														
Sydney Major SR	1,587.5	147.8	8.5	72.4	1,193.0	90.2	7.0	51.7	2,780.5	238.1	7.9	61.9		
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	1,021.8	81.8	7.4	74.1	786.3	47.3	5.7	53.7	1,808.1	129.1	6.7	63.7		
Inner Sydney SR	118.0	10.0	7.8	71.9	87.3	4.6	5.1	56.5	205.3	14.6	6.6	64.5		
Eastern Suburbs SR	72.3	5.5	7.1	71.4	58.6	* 1.7	* 2.8	59.5	130.9	7.2	5.2	65.7		
St. George-Sutherland SR	69.0	* 2.7	* 3.8	76.0	57.5	* 1.5	* 2.5	60.4	126.5	4.2	3.2	68.1		
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	123.3	8.0	6.1	75.4	92.7	4.0	4.2	56.3	216.0	12.0	5.3	65.9		
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	74.4	10.1	11.9	69.3	56.3	3.9	6.5	48.5	130.7	14.0	9.7	58.8		
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	135.3	18.0	11.7	77.9	85.2	12.1	12.4	49.5	220.5	30.1	12.0	63.7		
Central Western Sydney SR	71.9	14.0	16.3	74.3	42.2	7.2	14.5	45.5	114.1	21.2	15.7	60.3		
Outer Western Sydney SR	65.5	9.0	12.1	69.9	46.1	4.9	9.6	46.7	111.6	13.9	11.1	58.2		
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	76.2	6.2	7.6	79.4	60.2	* 3.0	* 4.7	55.9	136.4	9.2	6.3	67.2		
Lower Northern Sydney SR	91.8	4.3	4.5	77.1	78.5	3.0	3.7	58.7	170.4	7.3	4.1	67.4		
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	75.6	* 2.1	* 2.7	72.6	68.2	* 1.4	* 2.1	57.8	143.8	* 3.6	* 2.4	64.8		
Northern Beaches SR	69.0	* 3.3	* 4.5	74.1	52.4	* 1.5	* 2.7	50.7	121.5	4.7	3.7	61.9		
Gosford-Wyong SR	59.0	2.4	3.9	75.0	52.4	* 1.8	* 3.3	53.6	111.4	4.1	3.6	63.2		
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	64.6	5.7	8.1	69.1	49.4	5.7	10.3	49.4	114.0	11.3	9.1	58.8		
Hunter SR	565.7	66.0	10.5	69.6	406.7	42.9	9.5	48.4	972.4	109.0	10.1	58.9		
Newcastle SR Sector	124.2	18.5	12.9	67.9	87.9	10.1	10.3	45.9	212.1	28.5	11.9	56.8		
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	107.8	15.1	12.3	67.1	73.4	8.9	10.8	44.0	181.1	23.9	11.7	55.4		
Illawarra Statistical Region	136.1	14.1	9.4	68.1	110.1	11.2	9.2	50.9	246.2	25.3	9.3	59.2		
Wollongong SR Sector	95.5	12.1	11.3	67.6	71.7	7.9	9.9	49.3	167.2	20.0	10.7	58.4		
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	75.2	9.1	10.8	71.6	55.1	4.3	7.2	50.5	130.3	13.3	9.3	61.0		
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	92.1	18.2	16.5	64.7	68.4	10.4	13.2	43.4	160.5	28.6	15.1	53.7		
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	125.1	8.3	6.2	73.7	86.2	6.5	7.0	51.1	211.3	14.8	6.5	62.4		
	82.0	5.9	6.7	77.3	50.3	* 3.9	* 7.2	51.5	132.4	9.8	6.9	64.9		

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	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Unemp-	Unemp-	
		loyed	loyed		Employed	loyed	rate	Employed	loyed	loyed	rate	
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,182.2	112.0	8.7	73.5	893.2	86.1	8.8	53.3	2,075.4	198.2	8.7	63.1
Melbourne Major SR	863.4	76.8	8.2	74.1	659.9	62.4	8.6	54.3	1,523.3	139.2	8.4	63.9
North Western Melbourne SR	69.6	7.8	10.0	74.7	55.5	5.8	9.4	56.8	125.1	13.5	9.8	65.6
Outer Western Melbourne SR	121.7	17.0	12.2	71.3	86.1	11.0	11.3	49.2	207.8	27.9	11.8	60.2
Inner Melbourne SR	58.5	6.7	10.3	74.7	53.0	4.2	7.3	59.5	111.5	10.9	8.9	66.8
North Eastern Melbourne SR	114.0	12.6	10.0	75.9	77.7	11.4	12.8	51.6	191.7	24.0	11.1	63.6
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	121.3	7.5	5.8	71.7	99.1	6.6	6.3	56.2	220.4	14.1	6.0	63.8
Southern Melbourne SR	92.3	4.6	4.8	69.9	76.5	4.5	5.5	52.7	168.8	9.1	5.1	60.8
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	137.7	6.3	4.4	80.2	107.1	4.1	3.7	59.7	244.7	10.5	4.1	69.7
South Eastern Melbourne SR	100.9	9.5	8.6	79.4	69.4	10.5	13.1	57.6	170.3	20.0	10.5	68.5
Mornington Peninsula SR	47.5	4.8	9.2	65.8	35.6	4.4	11.0	44.0	83.1	9.2	10.0	54.1
Balance of Victoria Major SR	318.7	35.2	9.9	71.8	233.3	23.7	9.2	50.7	552.1	58.9	9.6	61.1
Barwon-Western District SR	85.5	9.8	10.3	72.8	69.3	8.9	11.4	56.1	154.7	18.8	10.8	64.2
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	45.6	6.6	12.7	70.0	38.8	* 3.7	* 8.7	50.1	84.4	10.3	10.9	59.4
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	63.9	5.6	8.0	70.7	39.8	* 3.6	* 8.2	43.1	103.7	9.1	8.1	56.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	72.7	6.1	7.7	75.1	50.8	* 3.9	* 7.1	56.1	123.5	9.9	7.5	65.9
All Gippsland SR	51.1	7.1	12.2	68.7	34.6	* 3.7	* 9.6	45.0	85.7	10.8	11.2	56.8
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	871.5	92.8	9.6	74.2	655.1	63.6	8.8	54.3	1,526.6	156.4	9.3	64.1
Brisbane Major SR	403.5	38.7	8.7	75.1	315.5	31.1	9.0	56.6	719.0	69.8	8.8	65.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	100.3	7.5	6.9	72.7	79.6	7.8	8.9	58.1	179.9	15.3	7.8	65.4
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	124.1	10.0	7.4	73.9	100.2	5.8	5.5	55.9	224.4	15.8	6.6	64.7
South and East BSD Balance SR	71.4	11.2	13.6	78.5	51.0	8.4	14.2	54.9	122.4	19.7	13.8	66.6
North and West BSD Balance SR	107.6	10.0	8.5	76.5	84.6	9.0	9.7	57.1	192.2	19.0	9.0	66.5
Balance of Queensland Major SR	468.0	54.2	10.4	73.4	339.6	32.5	8.7	52.3	807.7	86.6	9.7	62.9
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	90.2	12.6	12.2	72.3	78.7	7.3	8.5	56.3	168.9	19.9	10.5	64.0
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	59.6	8.0	11.8	66.3	42.9	5.0	10.4	48.8	102.5	12.9	11.2	57.7
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	51.3	8.0	13.5	69.1	36.8	5.2	12.4	48.1	88.0	13.2	13.1	58.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.0	6.2	9.0	74.1	36.8	4.3	10.4	47.0	99.8	10.5	9.5	61.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	83.2	8.7	9.4	75.8	55.5	4.3	7.1	49.2	138.7	12.9	8.5	62.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	59.6	4.1	6.4	76.7	42.6	3.8	8.2	55.6	102.2	7.9	7.2	66.1
Far North Statistical Region	61.1	6.6	9.7	81.0	46.4	* 2.7	* 5.4	61.0	107.5	9.2	7.9	71.2

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	365.8	41.3	10.2	70.4	290.2	26.6	8.4	52.9	656.0	68.0	9.4	61.5			
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	266.0	31.3	10.5	69.8	214.4	21.0	8.9	52.2	480.4	52.3	9.8	60.8			
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.8	11.2	11.5	76.2	67.3	6.9	9.2	54.3	153.1	18.1	10.5	64.9			
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	45.0	7.6	14.5	62.0	36.7	4.8	11.6	45.0	81.8	12.5	13.2	53.1			
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.4	4.4	7.5	66.6	43.5	3.1	6.7	52.1	97.9	7.5	7.1	59.3			
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	80.7	8.1	9.1	70.9	66.9	6.1	8.4	55.2	147.6	14.2	8.8	62.9			
Balance of South Australia Major SR	99.8	10.0	9.1	72.0	75.7	5.7	7.0	54.8	175.5	15.7	8.2	63.5			
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.8	4.3	9.5	70.5	29.3	2.7	8.3	54.0	70.1	7.0	9.0	62.6			
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	59.0	5.7	8.8	73.0	46.5	3.0	6.1	55.3	105.5	8.7	7.7	64.1			
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	480.2	41.8	8.0	76.2	365.7	27.1	6.9	56.8	845.9	68.8	7.5	66.5			
Perth Major Statistical Region	339.9	33.1	8.9	74.9	273.7	19.4	6.6	56.3	613.6	52.5	7.9	65.4			
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	41.0	2.9	6.7	70.7	34.9	* 1.7	* 4.6	59.6	75.8	4.6	5.8	65.2			
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.1	3.6	6.1	75.4	41.9	3.1	6.8	53.0	98.0	6.7	6.4	63.8			
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	101.5	13.1	11.5	75.8	81.1	6.4	7.4	55.2	182.5	19.6	9.7	65.3			
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	64.2	5.8	8.3	72.4	52.5	4.0	7.2	54.9	116.7	9.8	7.8	63.4			
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.2	7.6	9.0	77.6	63.4	4.1	6.1	59.9	140.5	11.8	7.7	68.6			
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	140.3	8.6	5.8	79.9	92.0	7.7	7.7	58.3	232.3	16.3	6.6	69.6			
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	69.9	5.8	7.7	77.0	49.3	3.4	6.5	55.6	119.3	9.3	7.2	66.5			
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	70.4	2.8	3.8	83.1	42.7	4.2	9.0	61.7	113.1	7.0	5.9	73.2			
TASMANIA															
TASMANIA	115.2	14.0	10.9	71.3	84.1	8.6	9.3	49.4	199.3	22.7	10.2	60.2			
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	55.8	7.1	11.3	70.9	43.4	4.3	9.0	50.6	99.3	11.4	10.3	60.4			
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	47.3	5.3	10.1	70.8	36.5	3.4	8.5	50.5	83.8	8.7	9.4	60.4			
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.6	3.8	10.3	72.5	23.9	2.2	8.5	50.3	57.5	6.1	9.6	61.4			
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.8	3.1	10.7	70.7	16.7	2.1	11.1	45.7	42.6	5.2	10.9	58.1			
NORTHERN TERRITORY															
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.4	2.4	5.1	74.8	37.6	2.2	5.5	63.7	83.0	4.6	5.3	69.3			
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY															
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.4	7.9	8.8	79.0	70.5	6.4	8.4	64.8	153.0	14.4	8.6	71.8			
AUSTRALIA															
AUSTRALIA	4,730.3	460.2	8.9	73.3	3,589.4	310.9	8.0	53.4	8,319.7	771.1	8.5	63.2			

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